

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] as with the following:

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/413,181 filed September 24, 2002, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

Compositions containing a peroxide or peracid and an organic acid salt buffer are provided. Also provided is a method for utilizing such compositions for removing polymers from oil and gas wells, while simultaneously dissolving encountered calcium carbonate deposits.